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SUBJECT: CZECH ASYLUM SEEKER -- BILEK, PAVEL

REF: A. NICOSIA 2668; B. NICOSIA 2675

1. MISSION SHOULD CONTACT UNHCR AND EXPRESS OUR SURPRISE AND VERY REAL CONCERN THAT UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE CYPRUS (KOHAUT) HAS INDICATED UNWILLINGNESS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN BILEK CASE. THIS POSITION ESPECIALLY DISTURBING IF AS APPEARS TO BE THE CASE KOHAUT'S STANCE REFLECTS HIS CONSULTATION WITH UNHCR HEADQUARTERS GENEVA.

2. IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH UNHCR, MISSION SHOULD TAKE ISSUE WITH CONCEPT EXPRESSED BY KOHAUT (REFTEL A) THAT UN;CR SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED THIS CASE BECAUSE UNHCR ROLE CYPRUS IS ONLY TO ASSIST CYPRUS REFUGEES. MISSION
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SHOULD REMIND UNHCR THAT UNHCR PRIMARY AND UNIVERSAL FUNC-

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TION IS THE PROTECTION OF REFUGEES UNDER ITS MANDATE, AND
THAT UNHCR SHOULD NOT AND CANNOT PROPERLY ABDICATE FROM THIS
RESPONSIBILITY IN ISOLATED SITUATIONS. MISSION SHOULD THERE-
FORE STRONGLY PRESS UNHCR TO ASSUME ACTIVE ROLE IN CYPRUS IN
GUARANTEEING PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO BILEK, AND TO
UTILIZE ITS INFLUENCE AND RESOURCES TOWARD WORKING OUT HIS
RESETTLEMENT ON A SATISFACTORY BASIS. ROBINSON

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